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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 3 December 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Burundi

Briefing by the Secretariat

Iraq (S/1999/1215)

Other matters

Morning*	4077th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

   Report of he Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 6 of the Security Council resolution 1242 (1999) (S/1999/1162 and Corr.1)

   Letter dated 17 November 1999 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait (S/1999/1177)

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* To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	46th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Sectoral policy questions [98]

   (a) Industrial development cooperation

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.27 and L.64

2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

   (a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.20 and L.63

   (b) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.13 and L.66

   Action on resolution 17/1 contained in the report of the Com- mission on Human Settlements on the work of its seventeenth session (5-14 May 1999) (A/54/8)

3. Environment and sustainable development [100]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.17 and L.67

   (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.8 and L.62

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.34 *(item 98 (b))*, A/C.2/54/L.35 *(item 98 (b))* and A/C.2/54/L.39 *(item 99 (f))*

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the 46th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

   Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.27 (A/C.5/54/32 and Corr.1)

   Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.24/Rev.1 (A/C.5/54/34)

   Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.7/Rev.1 (A/C.5/54/35)

   Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.42/Rev.1 (A/C.5/54/31 and Add.1*)

2. Organization of work

3. Other matters

Morning**- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/54/5/Add.5, A/54/140 and Add.1, A/54/159 and Corr.1, A/54/164, A/54/165, A/54/441, A/C.5/54/3 and A/54/7))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/54/11))

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* To be issued.

** Following the adjournment of the 41st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

3.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 7

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Third session

9 a.m.-11 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Part 7 of the Statute)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Parts 9 and 10 of the Statute)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on elements of crimes

WORKING GROUP ON ELEMENTS OF CRIMES

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE RELATED TO PART 4 OF THE STATUTE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Conference Room 4

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

1. Draft report
2. Death and disability benefits
3. Analysis of the organizational structure and the personnel and technical resources of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the United Nations Secretariat

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 162

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the General Assembly draft resolution A/54/L.7 on agenda item 162 (Observer status for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in the General Assembly) *today*, 3 December 1999, at 9.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal consultation on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of Ukraine, on behalf of co-sponsors, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on the economic assistance to the Eastern European States affected by the recent developments in the Balkan region, to be held *today*, 3 December 1999, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

There will be meeting for informal consultations on the draft resolution on emergency assistance to the Sudan *today*, 3 December 1999, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on agenda item 24

The Permanent Mission of Greece invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin", to be held *today*, 3 December 1999, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The Permanent Mission of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77, China and Mexico) invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters from relief to development", to be held *today*, 3 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations *today*, 3 December 1999, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Conference Room 1. The informal consultations will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 3 December 1999

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77
(on the proposed outcome of the session on "Women 2000")

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

1.10 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-2.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting: on debt (A/C.2/54/L.2); globalization (A/C.2/54/L.19); financing for development (A/C.2/54/L.25 and L.38); and on all pending issues))

6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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The Southern Africa Development Community will hold informal consultations on the International Criminal Court *today*, 3 December 1999, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room D.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 December 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 6 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 70th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]:

   (a) Third report of the General Committee (A/54/250/Add.2)

   (b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item: note by the Secretary-General (A/54/236 and Add.1)

   (c) Request for the reopening of the consideration of agenda item 15 (c): note by the Secretary-General (A/54/624)

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/537) [30]

3. Multilingualism [23]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/478)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.37)

3 p.m. 71st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]:

   (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/54/23 (Parts I-III))

   (b) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/337, A/54/119, A/54/219)

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.50, A/54/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para.7)

2. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/573) [86]

3. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/574) [87]

4. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/575) [88]

5. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/576) [89]

6. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/577) [90]

7. Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/578) [91]

8. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/579) [92]

9. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories; implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/580) [93 and 18]

10. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations; report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/581) [94 and 12]

11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/582) [95]

12. Question of East Timor: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/583) [96]

13. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/584) [18]

14. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft resolutions (A/54/L.50, A/54/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para.7) [18]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 42nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 8 December 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

In view of the continuation of the work of the Second Committee, the meeting of the Economic and Social Council scheduled for Thursday, 9 December, has been postponed to Tuesday, 14 December. Accordingly, informal consultations by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), will be held on Friday, 10 December, and Monday, 13 December (conference room and time to be announced). The provisional agenda will be as follows:

1. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Administrative Committee on Coordination (E/1999/288 and Add.1)

2. International cooperation in tax matters (E/1999/84)

3. Programme of work for the Committee on Development Policy (E/1999/33)

4. Advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the difference relating to immunity from legal process of a Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights (E/1999/121)

5. Strengthening the role of the Economic and Social Council as the central mechanism for the coordination of the activities of the specialized agencies (Articles 63 and 64 of the Charter of the United Nations)

6. Election of five members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme

   Election of two members of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

7. Other matters

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 1.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 2000* on Friday, 10 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

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There will be an extraordinary meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Wednesday, 8 December 1999, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G on "Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures" on Wednesday, 8 December 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E. The meeting will review the status of ongoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 15 December 1999.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in the year 2000. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing, jointly with the German Management Academy (DMAN) and with support from the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the second session in the series entitled "Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development". Session II will be on "Financing for Development Through Public-Private Partnership." The workshop will be held on the following dates: Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 8 December, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, a nomination form and a draft programme, was addressed to all the permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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There will be a technical workshop, organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Program on Security and Development (SAND) of the Monterey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) and the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss a draft Light Weapons Field Guide for Development and Humanitarian Relief Workers being developed by SAND and BICC. The workshop will be chaired by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala. Members of permanent missions and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. Copies of the draft Field Guide may be retrieved from the office of Mr. David Biggs, Conventional Arms Branch, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3170G; tel.: (212) 963-5598).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 1 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

69th plenary meeting

Reports of the First Committee

The Rapporteur of the First Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 64 to 85.

Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/54/551) [64]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/54/551) (resolution 54/43).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 64.

Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/54/552) [65]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/552) (resolution 54/44).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 65.

Question of Antarctica: report of the First Committee (A/54/553) [66]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/553) (resolution 54/45).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 66.

Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements: report of the First Committee (A/54/554) [67]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/554).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 67.

Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification: report of the First Committee (A/54/555) [68]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/555) (resolution 54/46).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 68.

Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace: report of the First Committee (A/54/556) [69]

By 120 votes to 3, with 41 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/556) (resolution 54/47).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 69.

African Nuclear-Weapon-Free-Zone Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/54/557) [70]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/557) (resolution 54/48).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 70.

Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security: report of the First Committee (A/54/558) [71]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/558) (resolution 54/49).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 71.

Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/54/559) [72]

By 98 votes to 46, with 19 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/559) (resolution 54/50).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 72.

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/54/560) [73]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/54/560) (resolution 54/51).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 73.

Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/54/561) [74]

By 111 votes to 0, with 53 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/561) (resolution 54/52).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 74.

Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/54/562) [75]

By 162 votes to 0, with 2 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/562) (resolution 54/53).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 75.

General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/54/563) [76]

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolution Q contained in paragraph 64 of the report of the First Committee (A/54/563) would be taken at a later date to allow time for the review of its programme budget implications.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Kyrgyzstan and Benin.

The Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A to P, and R to V recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 64 of its report (A/54/563).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 A)	80	4	68
Draft resolution B (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 B)	139	1	20
Draft resolution C (resolution 54/54 C)		adopted	
Draft resolution D Second preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	154	2	4
Draft resolution D Operative paragraph 1 (recorded vote)	158	3	2
Draft resolution D Operative paragraph 9 (recorded vote)	132	1	22
Draft resolution D as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 D)	153	0	12
Draft resolution E (resolution 54/54 E)		adopted	
Draft resolution F (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 F	94	0	65
Draft resolution G Operative paragraph 7 (recorded vote)	150	3	2
Draft resolution G Operative paragraph 18 (recorded vote)	149	0	4
Draft resolution G as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 G)	111	13	39
Draft resolution H (resolution 54/54 H)		adopted	
Draft resolution I Eight preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	156	3	3
Draft resolution I Operative paragraph (4 (b) (recorded vote)	93	50	17
Draft resolution I as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 I)	97	48	15
Draft resolution J (resolution 54/54 J)		adopted	

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution K (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 K)	104	43	14
Draft resolution L Operative paragraph 3 (last three words) (recorded vote)	147	2	9
Draft resolution L Operative paragraph 3 as a whole (recorded vote)	147	2	10
Draft resolution L as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 L)	157	3	4
Draft resolution M (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 M)	159	1	1
Draft resolution N (resolution 54/54 N)		adopted	
Draft resolution O Operative paragraph (4 (b) (recorded vote)	140	0	16
Draft resolution O Operative paragraph 6 (recorded vote)	139	0	17
Draft resolution O as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 O)	150	0	12
Draft resolution P (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 P)	104	41	17
Draft resolution R Operative paragraph 1 (recorded vote)	156	3	3
Draft resolution R Operative paragraph 2 (recorded vote)	107	29	26
Draft resolution R as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 Q)	114	28	22
Draft resolution S (resolution 54/54 R)		adopted	
Draft resolution T (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 S)	159	0	4
Draft resolution U (resolution 54/54 T)		adopted	
Draft resolution V (resolution 54/54 U)		adopted	

Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of Ecuador, Lebanon, Venezuela, Turkey, New Zealand, Jordan, Fiji, Uganda and Indonesia.

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 65 of its report (A/54/563).

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 76.

Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly [77]:

(a) Report of the First Committee (A/54/564)

(b) Amendments (A/54/L.39)

The representative of Chad made a statement in the course of which he introduced the amendments contained in document A/54/L.39 to draft resolution A contained in paragraph 18 of the report of the First Committee (A/54/564).

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on the draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 18 of its report (A/54/564) and on the amendments contained in document A/54/L.39.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Amendments (A/54/ L.39) to draft resolution A		adopted	
Draft resolution A as amended (resolution 54/55 A)		adopted	
Draft resolution B (resolution 54/55 B)		adopted	

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution C (resolution 54/55 C)		adopted	
Draft resolution D (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 D)	104	42	17
Draft resolution E (resolution 54/55 E)		adopted	
Draft resolution F (resolution 54/55 F)		adopted	

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 77.

Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/54/565) [78]

The representative of Mexico made a statement in the course of which she orally amended draft resolution A contained in paragraph 11 of the document of the First Committee (A/54/565).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A (as orally amended) and B recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (resolutions 54/56 A and B).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 78.

The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/54/566) [79]

By 148 votes to 3, with 9 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/54/566) (resolution 54/57).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 79.

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/54/567) [80]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/54/567) (resolution 54/58).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 80.

Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/54/568) [81]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/568) (resolution 54/59).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 81.

Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the First Committee (A/54/569) [82]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/569) (resolution 54/60).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 82.

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/54/570) [83]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/54/570) (resolution 54/61).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 83.

Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security: report of the First Committee (A/54/571) [84]

By 155 votes to 0, with 2 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/54/571) (resolution 54/62).

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 11 of the same report.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 84.

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/54/572) [85]

By 158 votes to 0, with 6 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/572) (resolution 54/63).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 85.

Thursday, 2 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

DISARMAMENT COMMISSION
Organizational session — 232nd meeting

Opening of the session

The 1999 organizational session of the Commission was opened by the Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Angelica Arce (Mexico).

Adoption of the agenda

The Commission adopted a provisional agenda for the 1999 organizational session, as contained in document A/CN.10/L.45.

Election of the Chairman and other officers

It was decided that further consultations would be held with regard to candidates for the post of the Chairman of the Commission, as well as the vacant posts of the Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur.

Adoption of draft provisional agenda

The Commission considered the draft provisional agenda for the 2000 substantive session, as contained in document A/CN.10/1999/CRP.7.

Organizational matters

The Commission established Working Group I, Working Group II and the Committee of the Whole.

The Commission decided to take up the election of the Chairmen of the Working Groups and the Committee of the Whole at a later date after the agreement had been reached as to the substantive items to be discussed at the 2000 session of the Commission.

Substantive items for the 2000 session

It was decided that consultations would continue on this matter and the decision would be taken at a resumed organizational session of the Commission, no later than 15 January.

Duration and dates for 2000 session

At the suggestion of the European Union, the Commission decided to hold consultations on the possible reduction of the duration of 2000 session from three to two weeks. In this connection, the Secretary of the Commission was asked to present the calendar of meetings and conferences for the next year, as well as the chart of available services in the second part of year 2000.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES — 426th meeting

Review of a proposal affecting the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001 in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A

A statement was made by the representative of Japan.

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 2 DECEMBER 1999

54th and 55th (closed) meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

The Committee considered and adopted concluding observations on Mexico and Cameroon.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Ratification: Bolivia (30 November 1999)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Background briefings

In addition to the daily noon press briefing given by the Spokesman for the Secretary-General, all background briefings given to the press may now be viewed by delegations in Viewing Room 4, which is located in the corridor connecting the Viennese Cafe with the public concourse.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian art exhibit entitled "Follow the Star: Images from the Palestinian City of Bethlehem at the New Millennium", in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed until Sunday, 12 December 1999, at the Public Lobby of the General As-sembly Building.

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